

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAYS DIVISION

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Dear title last:

The purpose of this letter is to request that Reservations forward copies of their accident reports to the ADOT, as do all other law enforcement agencies Statewide. The purpose of the attached copy of an accident report will be explained in more detail later in this letter.

A representative of the Federal Highway Administration, two members of my staff, and I met in May with members of the U.S. Public Health Service and various representatives of member tribes of the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona. We were invited to speak to the Council about the importance of and the potential benefits that could be derived from the Tribes' reporting their accidents directly to ADOT. [Now, we at ADOT recognize that, as sovereign governments, Reservations are not bound to the State law which requires other incorporated jurisdictions to report their accidents to ADOT.] After a good discussion, the consensus opinion seemed to be that Reservations would benefit from voluntarily sending in copies of the reports because this information would be used to determine where safety improvements are needed on State highways within Reservation boundaries.

There was also a general agreement that tribes were reluctant to report all accidents to ADOT because of questions regarding the personal information entered on the accident report and how it is used and treated. Let me assure you that ADOT is not interested in personal information, nor does the information get reported to any law enforcement agencies, Federal, State, or local. We are interested only in engineering information- information that deals with the roadway and environmental circumstances which may have contributed to the accidents. We never use drivers' or passengers' names, their addresses, or any other information which could be used to identify a person, such as vehicle identification number or driver's license number.



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Attached is a copy of a report that has been "sanitized," that is, all personal identifying information has been blackened out using a broad felt tip marker. This report provides all of the engineering information we need without compromising the identification of the parties involved. Note that personal information has been stripped from the narrative and that involved parties and vehicles are referred to as Driver 1, Vehicle 2, etc.

Except for fatal accidents, for which all information is entered into the Federal (not State) Fatal Accident Reporting System data base, it would be completely acceptable to ADOT to submit all of your reports in this form if you wish. The important thing to know is that we need to have copies of your reports and that your future cooperation in forwarding them to us periodically will benefit the Native American population on your Reservation.

We generally keep three full years of accident data on file, so if you have the capability of preparing copies of reports to as far back as January 1, 1985, please do so. Forward these and copies of future accident reports to the following address:

Arizona Department of Transportation Traffic Records Unit 1739 West Jackson Street Mail Drop 105T Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3276

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. questions, please contact Joe Spadafino at (602) 255-3875.

If you have any

Very truly yours,

David R. Olivarez, P.E.

Traffic Engineer

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c: Jack L. Christy

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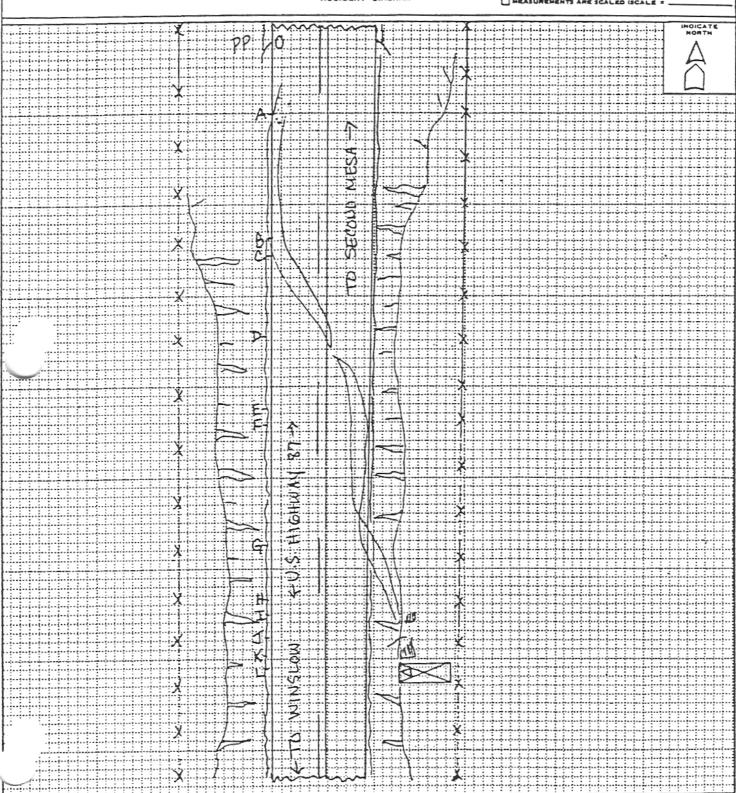
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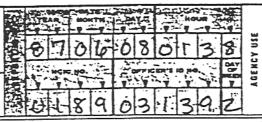
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